

From: Coons, Chip
To: 'microsoft.atr(a)usdoj.gov'
Date: 1/23/02 10:11am
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Any settlement with a company that has :

- * Stolen software from competitors,
 - * Denied users the basic freedom to choose which software they are allowed to use,
 - * Destroyed competition by implementing a continuous upgrade/change file format practice to eliminate any hopes of compatibility, and
 - * Used their monopoly position to eliminate market pressures (decreasing costs to consumers through competition)
- should not get off with a slap on the wrist.

Either their behavior was wrong (which the courts have found) and they should be punished, or drop the case and stop wasting my tax dollars, since the government will probably need them to upgrade future Microsoft products.

Any settlement that allows the company to continue with their predatory practices is unacceptable, and as currently proposed, there are no real, enforceable restraints on Microsoft's current and future behavior.

Should this settlement go through, please launch an immediate investigation for fraud and/or undue influence, since someone besides the consumer is benefiting.

Chip Coons